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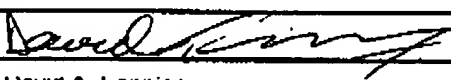
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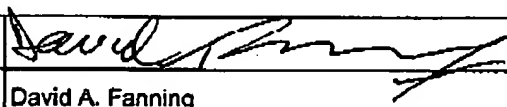
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For: REPLACEABLE BRAKE MECHANISM FOR POWER EQUIPMENT

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Applicants hereby petition the Director under 37 CFR 1.181(a) and MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A.) to withdraw a holding of abandonment. Applicants recently received a notice mailed March 18, 2005 saying that the above-identified application had gone abandoned for failure to respond timely to a Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment (NINA). However, applicants never received the NINA and therefore could not respond to it.

The undersigned makes the following statements to establish non-receipt of the NINA:

1. The NINA was not received by applicants or the undersigned.
2. A search of the file jacket and docket records for the application indicates that the NINA was not received. A copy of the docket record where the

non-received NINA would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached.

3. The Office confused a Second Amendment that applicant filed on July 7, 2004 as a non-timely response to the NINA. Applicant filed the Second Amendment to cancel claims and defer a double patenting rejection in a co-pending application. Applicant did not file the Second Amendment in response to the NINA (this is evident from reading the Second Amendment). The Office, however, confused the Second Amendment as an untimely response to the NINA.
4. On March 15, 2005 Examiner Boyer Ashley called and left a message for the undersigned. The undersigned returned the call and the Examiner informed the undersigned that the application was going abandoned because of what appeared to be an error by the Office. The Examiner said the Office records indicate that a NINA was mailed and the application was going abandoned for failure to respond. However, the Examiner said he could not find the NINA and did not know what the basis of the NINA was. He also said that he could not prevent the application from going abandoned. He suggested the undersigned file a petition to reinstate the application after receiving the notice of abandonment.
5. The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

In light of the information provided herein, applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment in the present application be withdrawn. Applicant understands that no fee is required for this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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